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1. TELECONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD SUGGESTING THAT THE U. S. DELEGATION AT THE RENEWED BASE TALKS MAY 26 AND 28 MAY BE EVEN LARGER THAN LAST TIME GIVE ME CONCERN.

2. THE GOBI GROUP WILL BE ONLY THREE DELEGATES AND TWO BACK-UP, AND IF THE U. K. PARTICIPATE, THEY MAY HAVE ONLY ONE.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS THAT WE NOT REPEAT NOT OVERWHELM THE GOBI. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT JUST THAT HAPPENED IN THE FISHERIES TALKS IN 1970, WITH BAD RESULTS. ALSO, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE LARGER THE AUDIENCE GETS, THE TOUGHER BAHAMIAN DELEGATES TEND TO TALK FOR THE BENEFIT OF EACH OTHER. LET' S KEEP THIS IN MIND.

4. WE HAVE RESERVED 15 ROOMS FOR WASHINGTON GROUP AT THE SHERATON BRITISH COLONIAL HOTEL. THIS IS IN WALKING DISTANCE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND THE CONSULATE AND WILL REDUCE

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THE AMOUNT OF DRIVING AND NUMBER OF CARS NEEDED. ALSO, IT

IS LESS EXPENSIVE.
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